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9/27/2010

Eating a lot of magnesium wards off diabetes. That's the word from a new study out of The University of North Carolina. Researchers say people who ate the most Magnesium in foods and vitamins cut their risk of Diabetes in half. They say the mineral plays a major role in the way the body processes sugar.

9/28/2010

There's a lot of shock and awe this morning after word dropped about American soldiers in Afghanistan charged with murder for killing civilians for sport. CNN got a tape of one soldier admitting the Afghans didn't do anything to provoke them. He's now charged with three counts of murder. The tapes also show soldiers admitting to smoking hash. They say their staff sergeant made them do it and he even kept human bones as souvenirs.

9/29/2010

An Arizona border town is waking up with its mayor behind bars. Nogales Mayor Octavio Garcia Von-Borstel and his father are charged with being involved in a bribery scheme. the FBI says Garcia-Von Borstel was soliciting city businesses to hire him as a consultant. At least one business told agents it was paying the mayor to use his official position to obtain contracts.

9/30/2010

The times square wanna-be bomber, Faisal Shahzad will be sentenced next week. And thank goodness his botched bomb didn't work. Take a look at the feds recreation using the same type of materials.

Prosecutors say Shahzad wanted to set off a second bomb if the first one would have worked back in May. They say he also wanted to kill at least 40 Americans in the attacks and would have kept killing until he was captured or killed. He's upset about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

10/1/2010

There will be a job opening at the white house later today. Chief of staff Rahm Emanuel is expected to make his official announcement that he's heading to Chicago to run for mayor. Word is.. Emanuel has wanted that spot for years. Pete Rouse, a senior adviser who has been with the pres since he ran for senate.. is expected to take over the chief of staff position for the time being. The Chicago mayoral election is next February

10/4/2010

Jurors in Connecticut are expected to start deliberations later today in that horrible home invasion case where a doctor's wife and kids were murdered. Steven Hayes could get the death penalty for his role.

Prosecutors say Hayes and his accomplice forced Jennifer Hawke-Petit to withdraw money from the bank three years ago. They then sexually assaulted her and one of her daughters, took photos on their cell phone, then killed Jennifer and set the house on fire.

10/6/2010

Confidence is growing on Wall Street. Stocks rallied to a near five month high yesterday as faith in central banks bolstering the economy grows. The bank of Japan set the positive tone when it cut rates close to zero Tuesday morning. They also pledged to buy about 60 billion worth of assets as a healthy dose of economic stimulus.

10/7/2010

The probe into how ex-presidential candidate John Edwards spent campaign dollars is heating up again this morning. The feds issued a 'sizable number of subpoenas' in North Carolina. Edwards is being investigated for using campaign money to cover up an affair he had with a staffer and his baby mama, Rielle Hunter. No word yet on who was summoned.

10/8/2010

Rescuers in Chile think their drill might reach the 33 trapped miners by tomorrow! Here's the plan...The drill has less than 300 feet before reaching the miners. Once it does, engineers will decide on whether to reinforce the shaft with steel. Paramedics and rescue experts will then make their way down the shaft to evaluate the men, make a list on who should go first.. and strap them into the escape capsule for their 15-20 minute ride to the surface. That could happen within two to 10 days after breakthrough. The miners have been trapped since August 5th.

10/11/2010

The FBI and local cops will continue searching for a 10 year-old North Carolina girl this morning. Zahra Baker was last seen in her bed around 2:30 Saturday morning, but investigators say they don't think she was abducted by a stranger. Meanwhile her stepmother Elisa Baker was arrested yesterday morning on prior charges not related to this case. Investigators say they haven't ruled her out as a person of interest, though.

10/12/2010

North Carolina cops are releasing some new twists in their search for the missing 10-year-girl who was "reported missing over the weekend." They're questioning the validity of a one million dollar ransom note found on a car just outside the home... Canines gave positive alerts for human remains in cars belonging to both of Zahra Baker's parents. Cops also say her parents' timeline of events has 'inconsistencies' and she may have been missing for a month instead of days.

10/13/2010

The Supreme Court is reconsidering a law that protects vaccine manufacturers from lawsuits. The Bruesewitz family brought on the case ... their daughter was permanently damaged from a DTP shot in 1992. They received compensation in the vaccine court, which was created to pay those hurt by vaccines and keep manufacturers in business. But they want the manufacturers to be held accountable. The Supreme Court is expected to make a decision next year.

10/14/2010

The trial to determine if army major Nidal Hasan should stand court martial for allegedly gunning down 13 people at fort hood will continue today. It was an emotional day yesterday as witnesses recount that day last November. One man described how his eyes locked with Hasan just before he was shot in the head. Two people testified they didn't realize they had been shot until after the terror of the moments started to wear off. The woman who made a 9-1-1 call for help cried so hard on the stand, they had to stop the tape. Hasan is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder.

10/15/2010

Authorities now believe David Hartley's apparent death on Falcon Lake along the Texas-Mexico border may have been caused by a case of mistaken identity in a drug war. Investigators think both the type of truck he and wife were driving, as well as the area of the lake they were jet skiing on... may have prompted the attack by the Zetas drug cartel. The couple had been working in a small Mexican border town with known drug violence... But their company moved them cross the Rio Grande for safety reasons.

10/18/2010

Breaking news... NATO officials say the world's most wanted man, Osama Bin Laden is living in a house in Pakistan this morning.. Not hiding in a cave. The senior official says 'nobody in Al Qaeda is living in a cave'. In fact, they're living high on the hog, in relative comfort, protected by some locals and some members of the Pakistani intelligence services... Even though Pakistan denies that.

10/19/2010

The Post Office is offering a 25-thousand dollar reward for the arrest of whoever gunned down two female postal workers yesterday morning in western Tennessee. Cops in Henning, which is about 50 miles northeast of Memphis, say two suspects in a maroon car tried to rob the post office just before 9. Officials won't release much more information.. Only to say the FBI and ATF are also on the case.

10/20/2010

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued a recall this morning on about 2 million strollers after receiving reports that 4 infants died in the strollers. They are older versions of the Graco Quattro Tour and Metro Lite strollers. They were all made before 2007. The problem with them is if babies are not strapped in properly, they can slide through and get stuck and be strangled.

10/21/2010

10 infants have now died in California due to whooping cough in what health officials say is the worst outbreak in 60 years. Health officials now want everyone who hasn't had a vaccine in the past five years to get a shot. There have been almost 6,000 cases this year. Most of the infant deaths happen in babies younger than 3 months old. They say half of them got sick from their parents or caregivers.

10/22/2010

It looks like tougher restrictions on teen drivers are paying off. New numbers from the CDC say the number of deadly accidents involving teen drivers have dropped 36 percent over the past five years. The drop is due to state restrictions on teen drivers. However, car crashes are still the leading cause of death among teens and the crash risk is highest during a teen's first year of driving alone

10/25/2010

The death toll is up this morning in Haiti from Cholera outbreak. At least 250 people have died. There are more than 3,000 cases reported. Public health officials say they are bracing for a possible larger outbreak. Worried that it'll spread into port-au-prince, where tens of thousands of people are still living in tent cities after January's 7.0 earthquake. They're stepping up sanitation efforts and setting up quarantine areas everywhere.

10/26/2010

Two new developments in North Carolina this morning in the case of the missing 10 year old girl... First... Zahra's dad has been arrested for writing bad checks. And her step mom has been yanked out of her jail cell to help in the search! Elisa Baker was also arrested for bad checks October 10th, but then jailed after admitting to writing the fake ransom note after Zahra was reported missing. Cops took baker to a search site yesterday near a home where she lived three years ago. Zahra was reported missing October 9.

10/27/2010

New developments in the case of several men in the Bronx going on a string of anti-gay crimes. Three of 11 suspects arrested are free this morning due to insufficient evidence. another man has been indicted by a grand jury. Cops say the men held three victims against their will in a vacant apartment and beat and sodomized two of them. It all started when a street gang calling themselves the Latin King Goonies learned one of their young recruiters is gay. The remaining seven are awaiting word from a grand jury.

10/28/2010

Testimony continues in Florida today in the murder trial of Byrd and Melanie Billings... After jurors heard details of "how" they were killed. Prosecutors say Leonard Gonzalez Junior masterminded the plan and led six other men into the house to steal a safe they thought contained 13 million dollars in cash. Cops say when Byrd billings denied having the money... Gonzalez shot the couple in their bedroom 9 times, execution style, with one of their 13 special needs children in the room. He could get the death penalty if convicted.

10/29/2010

A new study shows why cancer may come back after several rounds of chemotherapy. The study published in the journal "cell" gave a group of mice chemotherapy and found that the stress of the treatment can drive tumor cells into a gland that produces immune cells. This gland protects the tumor cells which are why tumors can reappear in cancer patients. Researchers say cancer therapies need to be revamped to target the gland's response to tumor cells.

11/1/2010

TSA officials plan to tighten up security measures after officials say the explosive found hidden in a package on a plane in the United Arab Emirates may have traveled on passenger planes to get there. And the National Security Adviser says there could be more mail bombs out there. Investigators believe Ibrahim Hassan Al-Asiri... designed the bombs cops found in Dubai and the United Kingdom that were on the way to synagogues in Chicago. The 28-year-old Saudi National is also believed to have designed the so-called "underwear bomb" that Farouk Abdul Mutallab tried to set off on board a Detroit flight on Christmas day.

11/2/2010

Two big developments in the North Carolina missing girl case.. Cops confirm the prosthetic leg they found does belong to 10 year old Zahra Baker. Zahra's step-mom was also in court yesterday. Elisa Baker appeared before a judge charged with felony larceny in a case that's not related to Zahra's disappearance. But in a nearby County, she was also indicted on obstruction of justice charges... After cops say she admitted to planting a fake ransom note. Zahra was reported missing October 9th.

11/3/2010

US intelligence officials are connecting the dots in the foiled mail bomb attack. They think they may have intercepted 'dry run' shipments to Chicago back in September from Al Qaeda terrorists in Yemen. A carton of household goods, religious books and computer disk were shipped from Yemen to an address in Chicago by 'someone with ties to Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula'. Intelligence officials think the terrorists were testing how long it took and any potential problems!

11/4/2010

Closing arguments kick off today in the sentencing phase for murderer Steven Hayes in Connecticut. He was convicted of killing Jennifer Hawke-Petit and her two daughters in a 2007 home invasion. Yesterday, jurors heard testimony from Hayes' prison guard who watches over him...She says Hayes was manipulative in his suicide attempts while behind bars. Prosecutors are going for the death penalty.

11/5/2010

City officials in Oakland are asking people to "stay calm" today after the sentencing of a former Bart cop is handed down. Eighty people were arrested back in July after riots broke out when Johannes Mehserle was convicted of manslaughter instead of homicide. Mehserle shot and killed an unarmed man while he laid face down on the platform back in 2009. He said he thought he was holding his taser and not his gun at the time.

11/8/2010

Four Georgia teens could be officially charged today for beating a fifth teen to death at a house party Saturday night. Witnesses say they attacked the teen just because he was walking down the street. Cops say one of these teens told his friends he was going to hit the next person he saw. 18-year -old Bobby Maurice Tillman happened to be that person and cops say the group of boys beat he up, stomped him until he died. The teens face one felony murder count each.

11/9/2010

Elizabeth Smart will be back on the stand today describing what happened that night when Brian David Mitchell snatched her from her bedroom eight years ago. Yesterday.. She told the jury.. 'I remember him saying, 'I have a knife to your neck. Don't make a sound. Get out of bed and come with me, or I will kill you and your family. She also says after Mitchell took her from her room, he performed a 'wedding ceremony' and raped her daily. She also says he treated her 'like an animal' for the nine months he held her and tied her to a tree. Smart was found walking down a street with Mitchell and his wife. His lawyers aren't denying what happened... They say he was insane.

11/10/10

The toilets are flushing and water is flowing on the stranded Carnival cruise ship that lost power Monday off the Mexican coast. The Navy flew fresh supplies, 60-thousand pounds of food, water and supplies to the boat which is 130 miles west of Ensenada. Now the Carnival Splendor is being towed to San Diego, California. It should arrive late tomorrow. An engine-room fire caused the ship to lose power. Carnival says it'll give passengers a full refund and a free replacement cruise.

11/11/2010

The Washington state man known as the barefoot bandit is waking up indicted with five counts for his crime spree.19-year-old Colton Harris-Moore is charged with stealing small planes and possessing a gun while he was on the run as well as a boat. He got his nickname because cops say he didn't wear shoes during his two year crime spree. He was finally caught in July in the Bahamas. The barefoot bandit could get at least 40 years.

11/12/2010

North Carolina cops are waiting for lab results on the human remains they found. So far they don't want to say if the 'new evidence' is related to Zahra baker's missing case. Zahra was reported missing October 9th. Cops have found a bone that might be related to the case and Zahra's prosthetic leg. Zahra's father has been arrested in an unrelated case. Her stepmother was arrested after admitting she wrote a fake ransom note for Zahra.

11/15/2010

The Fort Hood trial is set to resume today after it was adjourned to allow peeps at the fort to mark the one year anniversary of the November 5th shootings. And there's new controversy this morning. Major Nidal Hasan's lawyer says he will not present any evidence. The lawyer says he still waiting for more info from the government about what the army knew about Hasan before the shootings. He says without that evidence he can't develop a defense. 13 people died and 32 people were hurt.. Including Hasan who is now paralyzed.

11/16/2010

President Obama will award today the nation's first living Medal of Honor recipient since 1976. Staff sergeant Salvatore Giunta is being honored for putting himself in the line of fire during a Taliban attack in 2007. He saved Sergeant Josh Brennan from being held captive by the Taliban. Brennan later died from his injuries but Giunta's efforts made it possible for his family to have a proper burial. Giunta was shot twice himself but was not seriously hurt. Two men in the squadron died in the attack. Giunta says they made the biggest sacrifice anyone can ever make.

11/17/2010

No motive, no suspects, no clues as to why a big time Hollywood celebrity publicist was gunned down after she walked the red carpet for the premiere of 'Burlesque'. Cops say 64-year-old Ronni Chasen died early yesterday morning after several shots were fired into her Mercedes as she was driving to her Beverly Hills home. That caused her to crash into a light pole. Cops are searching her home and office for clues and other publicists are putting together a reward fund for info about the shooting.

11/18/2010

It's now up to the Commander at Fort Hood to decide if the military will pursue the death penalty against major Nidal Hasan. The investigating officer who acted as judge during Hasan's article 32 hearing that just wrapped up recommended death. Hasan faces 13 counts of murder and 32 counts of attempted murder in the shootings. If Hasan is convicted, there's no guarantee he'll be executed. No service member has been executed by the military nearly 50 years.

11/19/2010

Brian David Mitchell's wife will be back on the stand today in Utah. Testifying in his defense, Wanda Barzee copped a plea with prosecutors last year and is serving a 15-year sentence for her role in Elizabeth Smart's kidnapping. She told jurors their first year of marriage together was 'hellish', but that things got better once she became more submissive. Mitchell could spend life in prison if convicted.

11/22/2010

Drivers in Minnesota beware... Forecasters say freezing rain today will just make those treacherous roads even worse. One person was killed in one of 370 over the weekend.. And cops expect more today. Even paramedics and firefighters had a hard time making it through. Word is.. Ice as thick as one-tenth of an inch could coat the roads today.

11/23/2010

The man convicted of killing DC intern Chandra Levy is facing life in prison. Ingmar Guandique will be sentenced next February after a jury convicted him of first degree murder. Levy who was working as an intern for the bureau of prisons disappeared while jogging in a park back in 2001. Guandique was arrested "last year" while serving time for attacking two other women in the same park.

11/24/2010

Talk about devil in the church house... A Catholic priest is charged this morning with trying to hire someone to kill a teen who accused him of sexual abuse. The Reverend John Fiala in Dallas is also charged with two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child. Word is, he offered an undercover agent five-grand to kill the teen, who is now 18. The teen told cops Fiala bought him gifts and began sexually abusing him once or twice a month, sometimes at the church.

11/25/2010

Thanksgiving, No live show

11/26/2010

A holiday nightmare continues for one family in central New York. Jenni-Lyn Watson disappeared from her home last Friday after coming home to spend Thanksgiving with her family. Today family and friends are working with cops to continue the search for her. The family is handing out 15-thousand flyers, hoping to get Jenni-Lyn's photo and description to Black Friday shoppers. Cops are also still trying to find the driver of a dark-colored pick-up truck seen near her home the day she was last seen.

11/29/2010

South Korea's president just addressed the nation this morning condemning last week's attacks from the north calling them an 'inhuman crime'. President Lee Myung-Bak also says actions are more important than words. His address comes a day after South Korean and US forces started a four-day joint military exercise, which has really set it off for North Korea. The North calls the drills an attempt to ignite a war at any cost.

11/30/2010

New leaks from the whistle-blowing website Wikileaks show China is losing patience with its long-time ally in North Korea. Top dogs in China describe the North regime as acting like a "spoiled child." Meanwhile, the Pentagon just released new security safeguards to make it harder for any one person to copy and reveal so many secrets... While the j-d tries to figure out how to charge the website's creator. The ONLY person charged right now is the army soldier who gave Wikileaks its first round of juice.

12/1/2010

The Wisconsin high school where a 15-year-old student held 23 of his classmates and a teacher hostage will reopen this morning. Now students will be dealing with news of the suspect's death. Cops in Marinette say they've interviewed Samuel Hengel's parents, but still don't have a motive as to why he pulled out a couple of guns at the end of the school day Monday and held the class hostage for five hours. He shot himself after cops barged into the room. Now they're looking into how he got the guns.

12/2/2010

Beverly Hills cops say they're still investigating the shooting death of a celebrity publicist, even though a 'person of interest' in the case committed suicide. Cops were questioning the unidentified man in the lobby of his apartment building last night.. When he pulled out a gun and shot himself. No word yet on how he may have been connected to Ronn Chasen who was gunned down as she drove her Mercedes Benz down Sunset Boulevard on her way home from a movie premiere.

12/3/2010

Bills to extend Bush-era tax cuts for middle class families is causing some drama in the Senate this morning. Senate majority leader Harry Reid announced last night that senate Republicans reneged on a bi-partisan plan to vote on tax cuts today. The House voted yesterday to extend tax cuts to those making under 250 grand a year. But Republicans still want the cuts to go to all Americans. Senate Dems say they still plan to vote on two of the four bills tomorrow.

12/6/2010

A popular brand of canned Chicken Salad has hit the recall list. The company that makes Bumble Bee Chicken Salad voluntarily recalled 72,000 pounds after getting complaints from people who found pieces of loose plastic inside. The products are packages in Illinois but sold nationwide.

12/7/2010

Cops in Virginia are desperately looking for this 12-year-old girl who they believe is in extreme danger. They found Brittany Mae Smith's mom dead inside her home, but no one has heard from Brittany in several days. Investigators say when Tina Smith didn't show up for work yesterday, co-workers called cops and that's when they found her body.. calling it a homicide case. They also say Tina's car is missing. Cops say they're looking for Tina's friend, Jeffrey Scott Easley who may have info about the case.

12/8/2010

My mama always told me to watch out for the clean cut boys. Check this out.. Five students at Columbia University are waking up in jail after cops busted them for selling drugs on campus. NYPD kicked off 'operation ivy league' five months ago. During that time, undercover cops bought 11-grand in da' coca, weed, 'x', Adderall and LSD.. Which was applied to Altoids mints and Sweet Tarts candy. Cops also busted three people accused of supplying the drugs.. One of whom asked an undercover cop to help him kidnap and torture rival cocaine dealers.

12/9/2010

The Elizabeth Smart kidnapping trial could wrap as early as today with jurors going into deliberations tomorrow. A psychiatrist who evaluated alleged kidnapper Brian David Mitchell wrapped up testimony yesterday. But his testimony is coming under fire because the defense paid him more than \$680,000 for it. Prosecutors call their own psychiatrist today, Mitchell is charged with kidnapping and taking Smart across state lines and getting life in prison if convicted.

12/10/2010

Three New Orleans cops are facing slammer time after being convicted of killing Henry Glover during post-hurricane Katrina chaos and covering it up. David Warren: guilty of Manslaughter. Greg McRae: convicted of using fire to commit a felony, and Travis McCabe: guilty of perjury. Prosecutors say Warren shot the unarmed Glover in the back... outside a police station. When Glover's friends rushed him to a make-shift police station for help... McRae took Glover's body... and burned it inside a car. And McCabe wrote up the false police reports to try and cover it all up.

12/13/2010

The Minnesota Vikings will "host" the New York giants tonight in Detroit. After snow brought down their house! If you haven't seen this... Take a look. A foot of snow proved too much for the Metrodome to handle... Causing the roof, the roof, the roof to collapse yesterday. No one was hurt, but the game had to be called. Tickets to tonight's game are free!

12/14/2010

Tributes are pouring in this morning... Following the sudden death of diplomat Richard Holbrooke. The White House's point man in the Afghan war died yesterday following emergency surgery Friday to repair a torn aorta. Holbrooke was best known for orchestrating the peace agreement that ended the Bosnian war, and the Washington Post reports his last words were... "you've got to stop this war in Afghanistan." President Obama called Holbrooke a true giant of US foreign policy. He was 69 years old.

12/15/2010

Ok, the Senate didn't take a final vote on tax cuts yesterday like it expected.. But leaders expect it to go down today. And the House Democrats are already licking their chops at making changes. As of now.. the package will extend Bush-era tax cuts by two years and extend unemployment benefits for 13 months. House Dems wants to change the State tax provision which exempts inheritances up to one million dollars.

12/16/2010

We're learning more about the shooting at a Florida school board meeting Tuesday night. Cops say clay duke fired a total of 14 rounds at close range. His wife says he probably didn't really want to hurt anyone. We are expecting Mr Duke's autopsy results this morning as well. A security guard eventually shot duke in the leg to knock him down. Cops say Duke then shot himself in the head.

12/17/2010

Julian Assange is back to leaking his wikis this morning after a London judge overturned the Sweeds appeal and granted him bail... again! He's going back to spilling the beans on government secrets as well as clearing his name. two women in Sweden are accusing Assange of rape, molestation and sex without a condom. Assange has to wear an electronic monitoring bracelet, report to cops in person every day and has a curfew. His next hearing is January 11th in London.

12/20/2010

When pressed for time to get home for the holidays.. It looks like the do nothing congress, knows how to get 'er done... Sort of. In rare weekend sessions.. The senate passed the bill to repeal the don't ask, don't tell policy. President Obama will sign the law this week and military brass say it'll take months, not years to fully repeal the law. But senators did not pass the dream act which would allow illegal immigrants who came to the country when they were kids apply for citizenship. The bill came up five votes short of the 60 needed. Today, congress discusses the Russian arms treaty.

12/21/2010

New York governor David Paterson may have been "blind-sided" by the state ethics board fining him 62-grand for getting five world series tickets from the Yankees last year. Paterson says 'he always intended to pay for the tickets'. But the ethics board says that's bunk. Paterson went to the game with two aides, his teen son and his son's friend. The commish says the Yankees have money connections to the state government.... That's a conflict of interest.

12/22/2010

a fourth recalls for one of Pfizer's most popular cholesterol fighting drugs today. The company is recalling 19,000 more bottles of Lipitor after getting more reports of the funk, the whole funk and nuthin' but the funk coming from the boxes they were packaged in. Pfizer says the smelly meds were shipping out before the last recall was issued.

12/23/2010

best of show

12/24/2010

best of show

12/27/2010

GOP candidate Joe Miller is dropping his opposition to Lisa Murkowski being certified as winner in Alaska's Senate race. But... He's still fighting the state over how it handle the vote count. Murkowski made history by winning the race by write-in votes after losing the primary to Miller.

Miller says the way the election board handled the ballots was shady.

Write-in ballots in Alaska have to have the ovals filled 'and' the candidate's last name written in. Some ballots had Murkowski's name spelled wrong and miller sued to have those thrown out.

12/28/2010

It looks like carbon monoxide killed five teens at a hotel room near Miami. Investigators believe exhaust from a car left running in a garage beneath their rooms is the culprit...but they have to wait for autopsy results to declare an official cause of death. So far they think the deaths were accidental.

12/29/2010

The New York man carrying a dead woman's body in a piece of luggage has confessed to killing her... He says because 'she' attacked 'him'.

55-year-old Hassan Malik was in court yesterday where he admitted to bludgeoning her with a frying pan and strangling her with an electrical cord. Cops just released this video showing Malik dressed in a dark hat and leather jacket pulling a suitcase with Betty Williams' body in East Harlem. He's scheduled to be back in court tomorrow.

12/30/2010

Inspectors in Maine say high winds played a role in derailing a ski lift and sending eight people to the hospital..

Trapping 150 more. The Sugarloaf ski resort also released a timeline of events.. saying mechanic couldn't fix a problem with the lift and were trying to off-load guests when the lift's cable skipped over the edge of the pulley..

Sending five chairs 25 to 30 feet to the ground. Winds were gusting between 30 and 50 miles per hour at the time.